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Applicant: Brandon William Porter et al.  
Assignee: Tellme Networks, Inc.  
Title: Method And Apparatus For Phone Application State  
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Serial No.: 09/592,321 File Date: June 13, 2000  
Examiner: Alina A. Boutah Art Unit: 2143  
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An Advisory Action dated September 24, 2004 (copy attached)  
has been received by our office on September 27, 2004.


In a telephone conversation between Jeanette S. Harms and  
Examiner Alina B. Boutah on July 13, 2004, the Examiner stated  
that the Response to the Final Office Action dated February 5,  
2004, first mailed on April 21, 2004, and then faxed on June 25,  
2004 had not been received by the USPTO. The Examiner stated  
that we would have two months from the date the next Office  
Action was mailed to respond. In a further telephone  
conversation between Jeanette S. Harms and Examiner Alina B.  
Boutah on August 5, 2004, the Examiner stated that the USPTO had  
received the Response faxed on June 25, 2004, but that it had  
not been forwarded for her review as yet.

We have now received the Advisory Action which states that the period for reply expires 2 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. Please confirm that the response timeframe is actually 2 months from the mailing date of the Advisory Action (September 24, 2004) and that the deadline for response is in fact November 24, 2004.

Please telephone the undersigned at 408-451-5907 to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>Advisory Action</b>	Application No. 09/592,321	Applicant(s) PORTER ET AL	
	Examiner Alina N Boutah	Art Unit 2143	

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THE REPLY FILED 25 June 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY** (check either a) or b))

a) ☒ The period for reply expires 2 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.

2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:

(a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);

(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);

(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or

(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.

4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.

6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.


Claim(s) rejected: 1-18.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s).

10. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**ZARNI MAUNG**  
 PRIMARY EXAMINER

**Continuation Sheet (PTOL-303)**

**Application No. 009/592,321**

Continuation of 2. NOTE: Applicant as amended the claims to further clarify the invention which requires further consideration and search.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: the amended claims raise new issues that would require further consideration and search.